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MEMORANDUM FOR SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT)

DIRECTOR, BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR, DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY COMMANDANT, DEFENSE SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT COLLEGE

SUBJECT: DoD In-House Earned Value Management Conference

Our largest industrial suppliers have used Earned Value Management (EVM) to manage complex, risky acquisition projects for over 30 years. EVM is now being used increasingly in government facilities to manage complex projects. This effort to adopt world-class business practices for use in government facilities is an excellent example of acquisition reform, and I wholeheartedly endorse it.

Acquisition policy has always provided for the use of EVM in government facilities. The new DoD 5000.2-R acquisition regulation clarifies and strengthens EVM application guidelines on government projects. Government facility managers and their customers should become familiar with the revised policy and understand its implications.

To facilitate this understanding, the Air Force will host the DoD EVM In-House Conference to be held on November 16-17, 2000 at the Sheraton Premier at Tysons Corner, Virginia. OSD and Air Force leadership will open the conference with a discussion of current and future plans for in-house EVM. Speakers from each Service will share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices. Experts will be on hand to discuss system implementation considerations and EVM policy implications. Acquisition workforce attendees may earn 14 Continuous Learning Points toward their biannual training requirement.

I encourage you to take advantage of this unique and timely opportunity to learn more about implementing and using EVM on in-house projects. For further information please call my point of contact, Mr. Van Kinney at 703-695-5166, or visit the Earned Value Management web site at www.acq.osd.mil/pm.

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